

CLAIMS:

1. A collapsing table comprising a table top formed of a pair of pivotable table top half-sections hinged to one another at their adjacent edges along a center-line of the table and displaceable between an open position where said
5 half-sections are coplanar and a folded position where said half-sections overlap one another; the table characterized in that each section has at an undersurface thereof a transverse support member pivotally articulated thereto with a leg associated with each lateral edge of the transverse support member, and a pair of longitudinal support members pivotally articulated to the undersurface; said
10 support members are displaceable between erect and collapsed positions whereby the transverse support member is prohibited from collapsing as long as at least one of the longitudinal support member is erect.
2. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein a central support member is pivotally articulated, along the center-line, at undersurfaces of the top
15 half-sections.
3. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein the transverse support member extends adjacent an end of the half-section.
4. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein the transverse support member extends parallel to the center-line of the table.
- 20 5. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein each lateral end of the transverse support member receives a leg of the table.
6. A collapsing table according to claim 2, wherein the central support member receives at least one leg of the table.
7. A collapsing table according to claim 6, wherein each lateral end of the
25 central support member receives a leg of the table.
8. A collapsing table according to claim 2, wherein adjoining ends of the longitudinal support members and lateral edges of the central support member are engageable at the erect position thereof.

9. A collapsing table according to claim 2, wherein an edge of each longitudinal support member is engageable with a corresponding lateral edge of the central support member at the erect position thereof.
10. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein an edge of each longitudinal support member is engageable with a corresponding lateral edge of the transverse support member at the erect position thereof.
11. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein each section is formed at its adjacent edge with a transverse abutment surface, whereby at an open state of the table said abutment surfaces bear against one another.
- 10 12. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein the longitudinal support members extend essentially the length of the half-section.
13. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein the longitudinal support members is composed of several members linked together.
14. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein the center support member is hingedly coupled to a transverse hinge extending at the center-line of the table.
- 15 15. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein the support members are snappingly engaged with one another at their erect position.
16. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein the support members are pivotally articulated to the undersurfaces by snap-type hinges.
- 20 17. A collapsing table according to claim 16, wherein the support members are articulated to the half-sections by first hinge segments integrally formed at the undersurfaces and corresponding second hinge segments integrally formed at the support members.
- 25 18. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein both top half-sections are pivotable about a hinge common also for the central support member.
19. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein wherein both top half-sections are pivotable about a hinge common also for the central support member.

20. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein the table top has a circular shape.
21. A collapsing table According to claim 1, wherein the half-sections are integrally formed with a peripheral downwardly extending skirt portion.
- 5 22. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein at least some of the support members are retainable at the erected position by a snap-type support arrangement.
23. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein at the erect position the support members have substantial portions extending flush with the undersurface
10 of the respective top half-sections.
24. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein the half-sections and the support members are made of plastic material.
25. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein a carrying handle is fitted to either one or both of the top half-sections.
- 15 26. A collapsing table according to claim 25, wherein the handle is retractable from between the half-sections at the folded position thereof.
27. A collapsing table according to claim 25 wherein the handle is a recess integrally formed at one or both of the top half-sections.
28. A collapsing table according to claim 2, wherein the longitudinal support
20 member extends between the central support member and the transverse support member.
29. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein a lock arrangement is provided for securing the half-sections at the folded position.
30. A collapsing table according to claim 1, wherein at the erect position the
25 support members are engaged with one another to form a closed support frame.